

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Information Disclosure Statement Dated June 4, 2005

The Examiner is respectfully requested to return to the undersigned a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A dated June 4, 2005 with an indication thereon that all the cited publications were considered and made of record.

The Form PTO/SB/08A dated June 8, 2005 cites all the publications cited on the Form PTO/SB/08A dated March 4, 2005, which was considered by the Examiner, but additionally cites JP 2721414 and WO 95/02553.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants are pleased to note that claims 11 and 14 were considered to be allowable and that claims 13 and 16 were objected to only as being dependent on a rejected claim.

Obviousness Rejection Under 35 USC 103

Claims 12 and 15 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Dean et al. (USP 6,166,073) in view of The Patent Abstract of Japan and Hellberg et al. (USP 6,646,001) for the reasons set forth on pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action.

Claims 12 and 115 were cancelled hereinabove.

In view of the above, the 35 USC 103 rejection of claims 12 and 15 is moot.

Withdrawal of the 35 USC 103 rejection is accordingly respectfully requested.

Reconsideration is requested. Allowance is solicited.

An INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT is being filed concomitantly herewith.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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